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ALTERNATE PROPOSAL TO RELEASE  
NPIC TARGET BRIEFS

I. PURPOSE

1. To provide the several departments/agencies of the Intelligence Community with selected portions of the NPIC target briefs.

II. BACKGROUND

2. The target briefs are primarily designed as a working tool for the photo-interpreter.

3. When the target brief program was initiated the Army, Navy and CIA contributions were based on the understanding that their submissions would not be released from NPIC since many were debatable items based on questionable data.

4. No attempt was made to isolate the various submissions or to identify them as to source.

5. It is possible to isolate TALENT, SENSINT and TALENT-KEYHOLE data, and the COMOR requirements.

III. PROPOSAL

6. Since there is nothing controversial about selected portions of the target briefs, NPIC could provide: (a) the Army, Navy, USAF and CIA each with a single copy machine tabulation of target brief to include target identification, a description of the targets covered by SENSINT and TALENT-KEYHOLE photography, COMOR requirements and

source references; or (b) the USAF with the same information in the

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form of an IBM card deck in the same order as now carried in the NPIC IBM cards.

7. NPIC will not up-date these target briefs but will continue to provide the USAF and Navy with a duplicate deck of IBM cards used in preparing each MCI on the USSR.

IV. PRODUCTION FACTS BEARING ON PROPOSAL

8. To produce a single (4-part) IBM tabulation would require about 50 man-machine hours.

9. To produce a single deck of IBM cards would require about 75 man-machine hours; each additional deck, about 30 man-machine hours.

V. RECOMMENDATION

10. It is recommended that the proposal referred to in paragraph 6(a) and 7 above be accepted.

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